

# **HOUSE . . . . .      No. 2906**

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By Mr. Frost of Auburn, petition of Paul K. Frost for an investigation and study relative to providing veterans with increased access to health care. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### **RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF PROVIDING VETERANS WITH INCREASED HEALTHCARE ACCESS.**

1    *Resolved*, A commission is hereby established to examine  
2 whether or not veteran's benefits should include medical compen-  
3 sation, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.  
4 Said commission will review the proposal of benefits that would  
5 include payment of health care costs accumulated at a hospital not  
6 classified as a veteran's hospital if said hospital provided services  
7 not available at said veteran's hospital, or if the designated veter-  
8 an's hospital is more than 30 miles away from the veteran. Pay-  
9 ment for medical services rendered to a veteran at a non-veteran  
10 hospital shall be the responsibility of veteran's hospitals or federal  
11 veterans agencies to be determined by said commission that will  
12 examine the costs and benefits of providing medical care outside  
13 of veteran hospitals. Said commission shall report results, if any,  
14 as well as a proposal for the legislature that would enact this pro-  
15 gram, to the General Court and the House of Representatives.  
16 Said commission will report findings, if any, no later than July 1,  
17 2006.